

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the Application respectfully is requested. For the reasons indicated hereafter the Application is urged to be in condition for allowance.

A Petition for Extension of Time (one month) is being filed concurrently herewith.

The continued rejection of presently solicited Claims 21 to 23, 36 to 38, and 41 under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, would be inappropriate. Each of the matters raised in the Official Action has been addressed by amendment. The withdrawal of the rejection is in order and is respectfully requested.

The continued objection to presently solicited Claims 18, 20, 33 and 35 would be inappropriate. Each of the proposed amendments suggested in the Official Action has been implemented. The withdrawal of the objection is in order and is respectfully requested.

The indication of the allowability of Claims 20, 28 to 30, 32, 35 and 39 to 41 if rewritten in independent form is acknowledged with appreciation. The limitation of dependent Claims 28 and 39 has been incorporated into the independent Claims 18 and 33. Independent Claims 18 and 33 should now be considered to be in condition for allowance. All of the other claims depend from independent Claims 18 and 33 and accordingly should also be found to be in condition for allowance. Claims 28 and 39 (indicated to be allowable if rewritten in independent form) are canceled since their subject matter now is incorporated in independent Claims 18 and 33.

If there is any remaining point that requires clarification prior to the allowance of the Application, the Examiner is urged to telephone the undersigned attorney so that the matter can be discussed and resolved at a personal interview.

Respectfully submitted,

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